

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 2, 2016

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Brad Berkemeier, Brian Sheehan, and Makayla Herbert (Student Advisor) answered roll call. Councilman Craig Smith was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES: Conner made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2016 meeting as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. We had a Stellar meeting on 20th.
2. We had a public meeting on the 16th Street drainage with BFS. BFS will do some research related to the problem and give us the options.
3. Met with Mayors from New Castle and Greensburg to discuss Highway 3.
4. BEP demolition began on 25th.
5. On the 25th we had a town hall meeting at the Park Restaurant.
6. Started formulating a list of stellar projects.
7. Testified at Ways & Means before the House of Representatives.
8. Attended a Stellar meeting at Fort Ben.
9. Riverside Park had their roll out announcement.
10. Had a public meeting on Brownfields on the 29th.
11. Congratulations to Berkemeier's team for finishing 1st and Sheehan's team for finishing 2nd in the Trivia contest.
12. Thursday we will visit a community in Ohio that is said to have the best business retention and expansion program.
13. We will go before the Drainage Board next Monday to discuss making the north retention pond a legal drain.
14. We will host the Regional Economic Development on the 9th from 1-5 at the Herdrich Building.
15. We will talk with Conexis on the 10th regarding transportation and education.

16. We will meet on the 10th with the joint Planning & Zoning office to make a determination if we stay with a joint attorney and consultant, or if the County wants to pay additional funds to separate the two.
17. Strom water interviews for the Rush Mobile Home Park Project will be conducted the evening of the 10th.
18. Councilman Sheehan will be roasted on the 20th.
19. We have been asked to consider having a team for "Bowl for Kids Sake" on April 14th.
20. May 15th will be the Mayor's 5K run.
21. I testified for the Food & Beverage Tax. The next day the bill was killed.
22. A structural inspection was ordered on the Durbin.
23. Safe Routes to school may happen in April.
24. Newhouse sent letter to DNR regarding the rails to trails property.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Bridges said a high school student has asked about linking to our website to promote Bill Ballenger's "Breaking the Grey"". Councilman Sheehan said to have the student contact him.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Amphitheater/Park** – Riverside Park Committee has made their announcement for this year's concerts.
- **Marketing** – Nothing.
- **APC/BZA** – Things seem to be going well.
- **City Center** – The Board of Works agreed to hire Shanahan & Shanahan as bond council.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – The quarterly report was given today.
- **Brownfield Grant** – If anyone is aware of a possible site they should forward the information to Carolyn Bunzendohl.
- **ECDC** – John McCane asked to be added to this list.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker said they are putting the equipment on the new car. They hope to have it on the road next week.

They are currently doing upgrades to their fitness area. They will also be purchasing new equipment.

Today the Boys & Girls Club hosted a program on how to deal with the heroin epidemic.

Street – Commissioner Miller handed out his annual report. He said trash increased by 13.78 ton which is minimal. Recycle increased 40.49 ton.

Park – Park Director Gurley said they will conduct interviews tomorrow for the remaining pool staff.

The Community East shelter has been taken down.

He is working with Bowles Construction for a timeline to install the pool fixtures.

The park master plan is in the hands of the consultant.

The Valentine dance is Friday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at BRMS

He shared pictures of vandalism to the dugout at the west end park.

Gurley is having conversations regarding safe routes to school. The focus will be on RES and BRMS.

Animal – On March 10th the Hoosier Youth Challenge will be helping with spring clean-up at the shelter.

Fire – Chief Jenkins handed out year-end and January reports.

The BEP property at 734 N Morgan is down. This spring they will add topsoil and seeding to complete the project. They began taking down 719 Willow today. The third in the 1st set is 117 Gosnell.

The pre-demolition meeting on the 2nd set will be February 16th. Those properties include 117 West 7th, 803 W 7th, and 215 W 8th. Jenkins said we should easily meet the 18 month timeline.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Councilman Bridges said the Rush County Community Foundation will be celebrating their 25th anniversary this year and asked if they could use the banner over Main Street for a month either in May or September. Mayor Pavey and Sandy Fussner said it would be okay to use during the month of May.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Waggoner Pool** – Waiting on a date to install the plumbing fixtures.
2. **Food and Beverage Tax** – Discussed.
3. **Attorney Contract** – There will be a meeting tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **2016-3 Nepotism in Contracting** – Bridges made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-3. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **2016-4 Materiality Loss Directive** – Bridges made a motion to approve the Materiality Directive by the Mayor. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Berkemeier made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-4. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Emerson Copeland Tax Abatement** – John McCane will be scheduling a meeting with Ray Weber. He hopes to have a recommendation at the next meeting.
4. The pavilion and wayfinding signs have been ordered.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: Bridges made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.